

Captain Anthony J. Lesperance

Captain Anthony J. Lesperance is Inspector General, U.S Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL. USTRANSCOM is the single manager for global, air, land, and sea transportation for the Department of Defense.

CAPT Lesperance was born and raised in Stephenson, Michigan. He attended the United States Naval Academy where he graduated and received his commission in 1991.

CAPT Lesperance's first sea tour was aboard USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG 20), stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. He deployed to the Mediterranean Sea in 1993 in support of Operation Provide Promise, Maritime Monitor, and Deny Flight and to the Caribbean Sea in 1994 and 1995 for numerous Counter-Drug Operational Patrols. Following his Division Officer tour, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received a Masters Degree in Engineering Acoustics in 1997.

In 1998, CAPT Lesperance completed the Department Head Course at SWOSCOLCOM in Newport, Rhode Island and received orders to the USS CROMMELIN (FFG 37) as Chief Engineer. During his tour, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf during PACMEF 98-1 in support of UN sanctions against Iraq and to the Eastern Pacific in support of Operation Caper Focus, conducting Counter-Drug Operations. After completing his tour in CROMMELIN, he was ordered to Commander, DESTROYER SQUADRON 31 as Staff Materiel Officer. In 2000, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf with ABRAHAM LINCOLN BATTLE GROUP in support of Operation Southern Watch and UN sanctions against Iraq. From DESTROYER SQUADRON 31, he transferred to Commander, CARRIER GROUP 8, where he served as Flag Secretary and deployed with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT BATTLE GROUP in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He reported as Executive Officer to USS THORN (DD 988) in May 2003. Onboard THORN, he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Fifth Fleet in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. CAPT Lesperance assumed command of USS THORN in June, 2004 until her decommissioning in August, 2004.

Following his tour in THORN, CAPT Lesperance reported to Commander, SECOND FLEET, where he served as Flag Secretary and Executive Assistant from September, 2004 to August, 2006. After completing his tour at SECOND FLEET, CAPT Lesperance reported to the National War College in Washington, D.C., where he completed his Master's Degree in National Security Strategy. In July, 2007, he reported to U.S. Joint Forces Command and served as U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND Emergent Requirements Officer and earned his designation as a Joint Specialty Officer. CAPT Lesperance detached U.S. Joint Forces Command in May, 2009.

CAPT Lesperance assumed the responsibilities as Commanding Officer of USS THACH (FFG 43) in Sep, 2009. During his command tour, USS THACH was assigned to RONALD REAGAN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP and conducted deployments to the Red Sea and SOUTHCOM Area of Responsibility. He turned over his command of USS THACH in April, 2011. CAPT Lesperance recently completed an assignment as 6th Battalion Officer at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

CAPT Lesperance has earned various personal and campaign awards, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (4), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), the Joint Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3).

